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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT

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Jerome Bown
Bown Stone Products
93 West 300 South
P. O. Box 224
Manti, Utah 84642-0224

Re: Suspension of Operations, Bown Stone Products, Desert Sienna Mine, S/015/0093, Emery County, County, Utah

Dear Mr. Bown:

By letter dated June 25, 2012, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining required that the reclamation surety for the referenced mine site be increased to either \$27,100.00 or \$27,700.00. This was to have been done by September 4, 2012, but the Division has not had a response to this letter.

In addition, the annual permit fee of \$150.00 was due January 31, 2012 (no fee was due in 2011), and it has not been paid.

For these reasons the Division is suspending approval to conduct mining operations at the Desert Sienna mine. Continued non-compliance with these requirements will result in issuance of a cessation order and associated fines and could result in revocation of the Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations and forfeiture of the reclamation surety.

The Division has attempted unsuccessfully to contact you and would like to discuss options for resolving this situation. Please call or e mail either Wayne Western (phone 801-538-5263; e mail waynewestern@utah.gov) or me (phone 801-538-5261; e mail paulbaker@utah.gov). Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker
Minerals Program Manager

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